

Jones Farmhouse
N.W, corner of Lancaster Pike and Farm Road
Wayne, Radnor Township
Delaware County
Pennsylvania

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JONES FARMHOUSE

Street Address: North-west corner of Lancaster Pike and Farm Road, Wayne, Radnor Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania

Present Owner: Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ringler, above address.

Present Occupant: Owner

Present Use: Residence

Brief Statement of Significance: This well-proportioned eighteenth century farmhouse has fine detail and remains almost in its original condition.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Original and subsequent owners: Built by Revolutionary officer John Pugh, who died 1834 (Delaware County Will Book C, p. 314); left to his son, John Pugh, Jr., who with Peninah, his wife, sold it on April 3, 1839, to James Rogers (Delaware County Deed Book U, p. 424); Rogers sold to Samuel Jones, March 24, 1843 (Delaware County Deed Book W, p. 52); shown in 1848 as Samuel Jones (Ash's Map of Delaware County, Pa.); in 1877 as same (G. M. Hopkins, Atlas of Phila. and Environs); in 1897 as Thomas Jones, son of Samuel (Kiser, Barthel & Ogier, comps., Atlas of Properties on Line of Penna. R.R. From Rosemont to West Chester). Sold by Jones heirs about 1922 and again to present owners in 1923.
2. Date of erection: 1775 (Probable). Date stone is 1775, but the third numeral was effaced when present owners bought property; they said it could have been a 7 or a 9, and they decided the house was closer to 1775 than 1795. Date stone is in east gable end.
3. Architect, builder, suppliers etc: No information.
4. Original plans, construction etc.: No information
5. Notes on alterations and additions: In 1923 the present owners raised kitchen wing to second story to house a bedroom and bath, and rearranged attic rooms to make two bedrooms and bath by installation of dormers on north side. The plans were all drawn by the owner, William A. Ringler.

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6. Important old views and references: Owner has photographs dated January, 1905, March, 1914 and 1923. The 1914 photograph shows Lancaster Pike as still a dirt road in the section in front of the house and no building east of the Jones Farmhouse on the north side down to the house which stood at the north-east corner of Lancaster Pike and Banbury Way (site of A & P today).

B. Historical Events Connected with the Structure:

John Pugh senior, first owner, was an officer in the American Revolution (his service record is printed in the Penna. Archives). The family were farmers of Welsh descent and attended the Great Valley Baptist Church, where John Pugh, Jr., second owner, served as Deacon in 1820.

The Jones family gave their name to the surrounding area called "the Jones Tract."

C. Likely Sources Not Yet Investigated: Many Pugh descendants (called Pugh, Mather etc.) live in the King of Prussia and Wayne area and have not been contacted. Miss Anne Pugh of Cynwyd, Pa., a descendant, has considerable genealogical data on the family.

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PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: This is a well-proportioned eighteenth-century stone farmhouse, built on the central-hall scheme and preserving many architectural details, especially on the interior.
2. Condition of fabric: Excellent; superbly maintained private residence.

B. Technical Description of Exterior:

1. Overall dimensions: Not recorded
2. Foundations: Stone
3. Wall construction: Stone
4. Porches: No information
5. Chimneys: Three original chimneys, all of brick.

6. Openings:

- a. Doorways and doors: Every door in the house is original, except the hall door on the north side leading into the garden; all are six-panel doors of black walnut.
- b. Windows and shutters: A few of the windows are old, but most of the original windows were in bad condition and were replaced by exact copies in 1923. Some of the wooden shutters on exterior are old; some are replacements.

7. Roof:

- a. Shape, covering: Gable roof, wood shingled. (The kitchen had a flat roof over its one story originally, but in 1923 this was raised to two story level.)
- b. Cornice, eaves: Plain wood cornice.
- c. Dormers: Original on south side; replacements on north side.

C. Technical Description of Interiors:

1. Floor plans:
First Floor: Center hall, three main rooms
Second Floor: Three main rooms, one bath
Attic Floor: Two main rooms, one bath
2. Stairways: Two, both entirely original - one from center hall and one from kitchen.
3. Flooring: Original random width oak floors throughout, except center hall, first floor, which is a 1923 replacement.
4. Wall and ceiling finish: Plaster, painted and/or papered walls. Plaster, painted ceilings.
5. Doorways and doors: Original wooden panelled doors throughout.
6. Trim: Original, hand-carved mantels; original panelled cupboards joining fireplace in dining room and closet at end of and behind living room fireplace. Chair rail of black walnut in two main rooms on first floor (either side of center hall), west bedroom and second floor passage, all original. Panelling under chair rail in two first floor rooms and second floor passage is of 1923 installation.

7. Hardware: Some old, some copies installed in 1923. Front door lock is original.
8. Lighting: Electricity.
9. Heating: Hot-water heater, central heating. Fireplaces in two mainrooms first floor and also in kitchen, first floor (all entirely original and in use); fireplace in west bedroom (over living room) also in use.

D. Site:

1. General setting and orientation: Corner lot facing busy commercial Route 30 in center of town of Wayne, but grounds and trees set house apart. Front of building faces south.
2. Enclosures: Wooden rail fence on Lancaster Avenue and Farm Road sides of property; stone wall installed by present owners to tie the kitchen wing to the old springhouse, which stands behind in garden, and low retaining wall north of springhouse.
3. Outbuildings: Old springhouse (two stories) made into studio for owner, of stone.
4. Walks: Flagstone walks from Lancaster Pike to front door and from house to studio.
5. Landscaping: Conventional but pretty in front. Charming garden within stone wall in rear.

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